(c) whether the new procedure has resulted in economy of expenditure; and

(d) what is the expenditure incurred on such deputations during the year 1990-91 and 1991-92 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) Orders have been issued on 21st January, 1992 delegating powers to the Ministries/Departments of the Govt. of India to consider cases of deputations abroad of officers of the level of Joint Secretaries and below and to take final decision with the approval of the Minister-in-charge.

(b) Cases of deputation abroad of officers of the level of Additional Secretaries and above in the Ministeries/Departments require approval of the Screening Committee of Secretaries. Cases of deputation abroad of officers of such level in Public Sector Undertakings are not required to be submitted to the Screening Committee of Secretaries. Such cases are required to be cleared by the Ministeries/Departments concerned with the respective P.S.U.s.

(c) The revised procedure is intended to cut short time in deciding deputation cases. While excersing delegated powers, the Ministries/Departments are required to ensure that the foreign travel budget is not exceeded.

(d) The information is not centrally maintained and will have to be collected from all Ministries/Deptts/Offices of the Govt. of India. The time and labour involved in collecting the information may not be commensurate with the object to be achieved.

State Bank's Proposal on Closure of Dealing Centres

766. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Bank Management is considering to close down the dealing centres at Bombay, Madras and New Delhi Overseas Branches and to abolish the posts of dealers by replacing them with rate centres and rate officers;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what is the exact position regarding dealing centres as of now ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Dealing centres have been set up at Bombay, Madras and New Delhi by State Bank of India solely out of commercial necessity and these centres continue in the interest of better customer service.

उत्तर प्रदेश में बैंकों की शाखाओं का खोला जाना

767. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव** : क्या **वित्त** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या अग्रेणी बैंकों द्वारा गत वर्ष उत्तर प्रदेश में आजमगढ़ जौनपुर, मऊ, सुल्तानपुर, फैजाबाद और गाजीपुर में शाखाएं खोले जाने के बारे में कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुए हैं,

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री दलबीर सिंह) : (क) से (ग) आजमगढ़, मऊ, जिलों के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में बैंक शाखाएं खोलने के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य सरकार के माध्यम से भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक को कोई आवेदन प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है । यद्यपि, जौनपुर एवं सुल्तानपुर जिलों के बारे में आवेदन राज्य सरकार के माध्यम से

प्राप्त हुए हैं, इन जिलों की अग्रणी बैंकों, क्रमशः यूनियन बैंक आफ इण्डिया तथा बैंक आफ बड़ौदा ने किसी भी ग्रामीण केन्द्र के लिए आवेदन नहीं दिए हैं । जहां तक अर्द्ध शहरी क्षेत्रों में बैंक शाखाएं खोलने का प्रश्न है, उपर्युक्त प्रत्येक जिले के अग्रणी बैंक ने अपने बैंकों के लिए भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक की शाखाओं के लिए आवेदन किए नहीं किए हैं तथापि, बैंक रहित/बैंकों की कमी वाले स्थानों की, पहचान करने के उद्देश्य से गठित कार्य दल द्वारा पहचाने गए शहरी क्षेत्रों में भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने फैजाबाद, जौनपुर तथा गाजीपुर जिलों में बैंकों को शहरी केन्द्र आवंटित किए हैं, जिन के ब्यौरे नीचे दिए गए हैं :—

जिले का नाम	बैंक का नाम, जिसे आवंटित है
फैजाबाद	1. बैंक आफ बड़ौदा
	2. इण्डियन ओवरसीज बैंक
	3. यूनाइटेड बैंक आफ इण्डिया
जौनपुर	1. बैंक आफ बड़ौदा
	2. केनरा बैंक
गाजीपुर	1. पंजाब नेशनल बैंक
	2. भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
	3. सेन्ट्रल बैंक आफ इण्डिया
	4. यूनियन बैंक आफ इण्डिया
	5. नैनीताल बैंक लि०
	6. काशीनाथ सेठ बैंक लि०

Cut in aid given by Germany

768. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that this year's aid package was slashed during Indo-German aid negotiations ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is accumulation of unutilised development assistance pledged to India during the last several years by Germany ;

(c) whether the German Development Aid Ministry has expressed its concern about the accumulation of unutilised aid ;

(d) if so, how much amount was received by India as financial and technical assistance from Germany and how much is unutilised ;

(e) whether Germany had been giving high priority for the development of infrastructure by promoting big economic sectors ;

(f) if so, whether Germany wants to shift their aid to the development of social infrastructure ; and

(g) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) Commitment of financial cooperation funds has been reduced by Germany from the earlier annual commitment of DM 395 million to DM 350 million for the year 1992.